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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Free Press: Michigan GOP hits Supreme Court nominee over scheduled appearance at Dem gala

"Michigan Republican Party officials have filed a formal complaint against University of Michigan law professor and state Supreme Court candidate Bridget McCormack for what they called 'flagrant violations' of Michigan's judicial canons, which prohibit judicial candidates from acting as featured guests at political fundraisers."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

MLive.com: Supreme Court candidate cancels Kent County speech after GOP files complaint

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: 'West Wing' stars make video to promote voting on nonpartisan ballot

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Cast of 'West Wing' promotes non-partisan section of ballot

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Muskegon County Legal News: McCormack's Supreme Court run emphasizes non-partisanship, releases video with West Wing cast

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Note: The Muskegon County Legal News article also ran in the Grand Rapids Legal News. **City Pulse/Lansing: West Wing reunion; For state Supreme Court justice candidate Bridget Mary McCormack, thanks to her sister**

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Candidate reunites 'West Wing' cast, but will going viral help campaign?

[Full story](#)

WILX-TV(10)/Lansing: West Wing Actors Back Michigan Supreme Court Candidate

[Full story](#)

WJR 760 AM/Detroit: Frank Beckman speaks with Mary & Bridget Mary McCormack regarding "West Wing" Cast Reunion to record a voting PSA (8:40 minute audio clip)

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Political insider: Update honors 'Eternal General'

"After Attorney General Bill Schuette was sworn into office in January 2011, he started inspecting his new office in the G. Mennen Williams Building and noticed the Frank J. Kelley Law Library on the seventh floor needed a makeover."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Howes: Ballot proposals hijack real debate; Ex-justice Mallet says some issues better solved in Legislature

"Conrad Mallett is in the hospital business these days. But that doesn't mean the former chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court can't ask whether the latest fad of government-by-referendum threatens representative democracy as we know it."

[Full story](#)

Advance Newspapers: Ottawa County launches revamped website

"The County of Ottawa has unveiled its newly designed website.... Many of the images featured on miOttawa were captured by gifted photographer and Ottawa County Circuit Court Judge, Ed Post."

[Full story](#)

Ann Arbor.com: Court initiates termination of deported mother's parental rights as she seeks custody of son in Ann Arbor

"A deported mother fighting to be reunited with her 12-year-old son in Ann Arbor was dealt a setback on Thursday during a review hearing in Washtenaw County Trial Court."

[Full story](#)

City Pulse/Lansing: City Pulse Newsmakers: 30th Circuit Court Candidates (28:43 minute video-scroll down to the bottom of the page)

"This week's guests are 30th Circuit Judge candidates Ken Ross and Jim Jamo. Former Circuit Judge James Giddings helps ask questions as a special guest."

[Full story](#)

Daily Press & Argus: Reader makes endorsement

"Livingston County Circuit Judge David Reader announced his endorsement of Lori Marran for the Probate Court judgeship. Reader is chief judge at Circuit Court.... Marran and Assistant Prosecutor Miriam Cavanaugh are seeking to succeed Probate Judge Carol Hackett Garagiola, who is not seeking re-election."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Holiday Hours (second article)

"... The Third Circuit Court Civil, Criminal and Family Divisions [and the Wayne County Probate Court] will be closed Oct. 8 in observance of Columbus Day.... In observance of Columbus Day, the 36th District Court will be closed to the public on Monday, Oct. 8. Only criminal arraignments will be conducted."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Michigan Supreme Court announces appointments to commissions, boards

"The Michigan Supreme Court this week announced appointments to the Attorney Grievance Commission, the Attorney Discipline Board, and the State Bar of Michigan's Board of Commissioners."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

[Press release](#)

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE BOARD

[Press release](#)

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN'S BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

[Press release](#)

Flint Journal: Paternity suit seeks \$4 million from Genesee County judge known for scolding absent fathers

"A judge known for speaking out on the importance of men being responsible fathers has been sued by an attorney who claims he fathered her two children, then shirked his responsibilities to provide for them. Attorney Denise Ketchmark filed the lawsuit, claiming she and Genesee Circuit Judge Archie Hayman carried on a secret love affair for nearly two decades, a relationship that she says ended just last month, days before Hayman remarried."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Flint Journal: Judge for yourself: Excerpts from legal filings in Genesee County judge's paternity case

[Full story](#)

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Paternity suit seeks \$4.1 million from Genesee County judge; lawyer says judge fathered 2 kids

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: 2009 medical marijuana case back in Kalamazoo Circuit Court after appeals court ruling

"When Ted Allen Anderson was arrested in June 2009 for growing material in his Kalamazoo home, his defense was Michigan's new medical marijuana law. But confusion over the law's provisions has stalled the case for the past several years. This week, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled that the court proceedings should start from scratch, based on guidelines set in a recent Michigan Supreme Court case."

[Full story](#)

Legal Newline: Mich. Chamber endorses three for state SC

"The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is endorsing three Republican candidates for the state Supreme Court. The Chamber said Tuesday it is backing incumbent Justices Stephen J. Markman and Brian Zahra, along with Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Colleen O'Brien."

[Full story](#)

The Michigan Lawyer Blog: State Bar's 78th president takes the wheel

"After Grand Rapids litigator Bruce Courtade took oath as 78th president of the State Bar of Michigan this afternoon at DeVos Place, he emphasized that bar dues would not be raised under his watch. Why? 'Because Jenny will kill me,' he said to a roomful of laughter. He was referring to his wife, Jenny DeLessio, who also is an attorney."

[Full story](#)

Muskegon Chronicle: Shots fired during attempted robbery of retired Muskegon County judge attending Muskegon prayer vigil

"A retired Muskegon County judge attending a prayer vigil early Friday morning was held at gunpoint and shots were fired during an attempted robbery outside St. Michael's Catholic Church and Prayer Chapel in Muskegon... When [retired Muskegon County Probate Judge Thomas] Linck refused to give the suspect his wallet, the suspect allegedly fired shots but did not strike him, according to police."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Court rules against woman who tumbled with Meijer cart

"The Michigan appeals court says Meijer shoppers should have no trouble seeing a 12-foot crack in the parking lot. The court has reversed the decision of a Genesee County judge and thrown out a lawsuit filed by a 42-year-old shopper in Flint."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Meet the Judges event hosted by MDTC, Oct. 4

"The Michigan Defense Trial Counsel will host its Meet the Judges event on Thursday, Oct. 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Baronette Renaissance in Novi. Justices of the Michigan Supreme Court, and the judges of the Michigan Court of Appeals, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Wayne County circuit courts, and U.S. District Courts for the Western and Eastern Districts have been invited to attend this event."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: COURT OF APPEALS: Waterford mother convicted of having sex with son must wear tether for life

"A 38-year-old Waterford Township woman who was convicted of first-degree criminal sexual assault after having sex with her biological son will have to wear an electronic tether for the rest of her life. The Michigan Court of Appeals ruled that Aimee Louise Sword, who was sentenced to a minimum of nine years in prison in 2010, must continue to wear the tether upon her release from prison."

[Full story](#)

Spinal Column Newsweekly/Waterford: Sosnick hanging up robe after 23 years on Circuit bench

"Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Edward Sosnick has served the court since being elected to the bench in 1989.... Turning 72-years-old in December, Sosnick will be the first judge in Oakland County to retire from the Family Court division."

[Full story](#)

Spinal Column Newsweekly/Waterford: New movement on nixing judges' age requirement

"Steve Bieda thinks there's enough support to get a constitutional amendment on the 2014 Michigan ballot that would remove what some see as an arbitrary and outdated restriction on when judges can no longer seek re-election."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Spinal Column Newsweekly/Waterford: Give voters chance to decide on judicial age constitutional provision

[Full story](#)

Spinal Column Newsweekly/Waterford: Money talks? Out-of-state cash funding Circuit Court hopefuls' campaigns; negative ad arrives

"What kind of justice does \$200,000 buy? And why would anyone outside of Oakland County, and especially outside of Michigan, care about the outcome in the race for five Oakland County Circuit Court judge positions?"

[Full story](#)

WLUC-TV(6)/Negaunee: Candidates meet and greet with voters

"Voters don't always get to meet their local candidates up close and personal, but on Thursday they were able to.... At the meet and greet, the common theme was children.... Cheryl Hill and George Hyde, who are running against each other for Marquette County Probate Court Judge weighed in."

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